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THOMAS G. BRUTON
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

Oct 4, 2023

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

FARHAN SHEIKH

1 19-cr-00655
Judge Mary M. Rowland
Magistrate Judge Susan E. Cox

SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT

The SPECIAL OCTOBER 2022 GRAND JURY charges:

1. At times material to this indictment:

a. iFunny is a social media platform that has both a website and a mobile application on which users can post internet memes. A meme is typically a humorous image, video, or piece of text that is copied and spread by internet users.

b. Defendant maintained an account on iFunny with the user name “awarded” and used the account to post images and memes that could be viewed on the internet.

2. On or about August 13, 2019, at Chicago, in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, and elsewhere,

FARHAN SHEIKH,

defendant herein, knowingly transmitted in interstate commerce a communication containing a threat to injure the person of another, namely, a post on his iFunny account stating,

I am done with my state and thier [sic] bullshit abortion laws and allowing innocrnt [sic] kids to be slaughtered for the so called “womans [sic] right” bullshit. Ive [sic] seen nothing but whores go out of the way to get an abortion, but no more. I will not tolerate this anymore. Im [sic]

DONE. On August 23rd 2019, I will go to [Victim A] in Chicago on [Street A]. I will proceed to slaughter and murder any doctor, patient or visitor i [sic] see in the area and I will not back down. consider [sic] this a warning for anyone visiting...

and transmitted the communication for the purpose of making a threat, knowing that the communication would be viewed as a threat, and recklessly disregarding a substantial risk that others would regard this communication as a threat;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 875(c).

A TRUE BILL:

FOREPERSON

signed by Steven J. Dollear on behalf of the
ACTING UNITED STATES ATTORNEY